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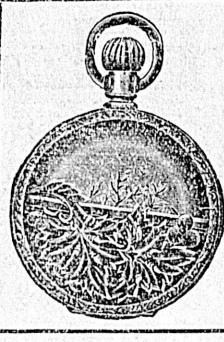
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Needs of The Navy

Lord Selborne Explains How Large Expenditure Is Really Required.

Warmly Defends Outlay and Necessity of Having Large Ships.

Great Britain Ready to Join Other Nations in Curtailing Construction.

London, Aug. 9.—Replying to the criticism of the naval expenditure in the House of Lords today, Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, warmly defended the outlay. He said it was more important than ever before that the battleships should be of the largest and best type.

Referring to submarine boats, Lord Selborne said their value for defensive purposes had been abundantly proved. They were a great addition to the national strength. He did not believe submarine boats had reduced their limit of improvement or usefulness. The lessons from the war in the Far East were the importance of the personnel, the necessity for having a margin of strength and the fact that without battleships no power could hold or win command of the sea.

Lord Selborne said the offer of Lord Gochen made when he was first lord of the admiralty, that if other nations would agree to diminish their rate of shipbuilding, Great Britain would not be slow to join the movement, had not been withdrawn, but the conditions now were more complicated. A few years ago it would have sufficed if France and Great Britain had agreed to diminish their shipbuilding, but now there was almost half a dozen great naval powers and Great Britain and France must consider the expenditure of other powers. The two powers' standard was a constant reminder to nations, but had never had its application to cruisers or torpedo boats.

Continuing, Lord Selborne referred to the newspaper comparisons of the gunnery and strength of the German vessels which recently had visited England, and pointed out that the German ships carried eighteen six-inch guns, compared with twelve on the ship of the British Channel fleet. But the British ships carried ten-inch, twelve-inch and thirteen and a half-inch guns, while there was not a single gun on the German visiting fleet with a calibre over 9.4-inch.

A RAILROAD SMASH UP.

Plainfield, Ind., Aug. 9.—Running at sixty miles an hour, a Pullman train No. 20 struck a broken rail near the depot here today. Five cars were turned over and destroyed by fire caused by the explosion of a gas tank. None of the passengers were killed. The fire also consumed a grain elevator and a string of freight cars.

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECK.

Chicago and Erie Special Comes to Grief—The Dead and Injured.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The following is a list of killed and injured in the collision between a Chicago and Erie special running on the Paulhandle tracks and a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train at Brighton Park.

Dead—Mrs. C. C. Schwartz, 38 years old, Garrett, Ind.; three boys, children of Mrs. Schwartz, ranging in years from 6 to 11; little girl, daughter of Mrs. Schwartz.

Injured—S. C. Schwartz, Garrett, Ind., leg broken, left leg crushed. Mr. Schwartz is the father of the three boys killed. The woman killed, Michael Cusack, conductor in charge of the Chicago and Erie, body bruised and internally injured. C. W. Jones, Mansfield, O., conductor on Baltimore and Ohio train, right leg broken and body bruised. Jennie Sunderland, Sioux City, body bruised and wrist sprained. Miss Nellie Brown, New York, body bruised and internally injured.

NEWS OF NANAIMO.

Coal City People Planning to Build Electric Light Works.

Nanaimo, B. C., Aug. 9.—Having experienced the sweets of municipal ownership ever since the water works system was purchased two years ago, the Nanaimo people are looking with acquisitive eyes on the electric light works. Last evening a special committee of the city council was instructed to enter into negotiations with the Electric Light Company with a view of buying what price they would offer for their property. The fact that the city is the largest customer of the company will commend the purchase of the works to the ratepayers should the price be acceptable. The company is at present putting in an extensive water-power plant and new works on the Millstone stream. This should be in operation early in October.

Superintendent Davies of Newcastle quarry is in receipt of information from San Francisco that the sample cargo of stone recently sent down by the Robert Hind has attracted the most favorable notice in California. Judges of stone say it is the best building material ever received, and the losses of the quarry have been invited to tender on several large contracts. It is probable that in a short time the output of the quarry will be very largely increased.

AFFAIRS AT PORT SIMPSON.

Methodist Missionary Reaches His Post—Movements of Prominent People.

Port Simpson, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Rev. Mr. Grenfell, the new Methodist divine for this place, and his family arrived here a few days ago, and is now in charge of the mission. The Methodist mission here has been without a pastor nearly the entire summer, the exception being the few weeks Mr. Knott of Victoria was here last spring. In the ordinary sense it is not really a vacancy that was not filled, but a condition caused by the fact that Mr. Grenfell, the regular minister having become seriously troubled with his throat early last spring and was compelled to give up the work for a while, and he going east for a change and a vacation.

Mr. John Flewin, the government agent here, accompanied by Mrs. Flewin, is on a visit to Vancouver and Victoria for a month or six weeks. Mr. Flewin went to Victoria to make his final report to the chief commissioner of the Northwest Territories, and to see that department. The office here will be in charge of Cecil Flewin during the absence of Mr. Flewin.

Mrs. Richards, matron of the Indian Residential Mission, is visiting for a week at Port Simpson. Mrs. W. H. H. of Port Simpson is visiting in Port Simpson this week with Mrs. Hogan.

VICTORIA SCENE OF DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Blaze Which Broke Out in Albion Iron Works Burned For Blocks, Destroying Many Residences And Doing Great Damage.

MANY ARE RENDERED HOMELESS

Area Bounded by Government, Pembroke, Blanchard Streets And Queens Avenue The Stricken District— Loss Probably \$100,000.

Fire, which originated in the pattern room of the Albion Iron Works, yesterday afternoon, destroyed the eastern section of the building and about thirty-five houses situated east of Douglas street, from Pembroke street to Queen's avenue.

The fire in the residential quarter rendered homeless a number of families, and in addition to the loss of the houses a considerable amount of furniture and personal effects was destroyed.

The total loss is estimated at about \$100,000.

The efforts of the Fire Department prevented the flames from spreading to the lumber yards of the Shawnaigan Lake Company, adjoining the Albion Iron Works, but little could be done to save the houses above Douglas street.

The question of relief to those of the sufferers who can least afford their losses is under consideration by the city authorities.

One of the most destructive fires in the history of Victoria occurred yesterday, resulting in a total loss estimated approximately at \$100,000 and rendering homeless some thirty-five families.

The conflagration started at about 4 o'clock in the pattern room of the Albion Iron Works on Store street. A general alarm was sent in to the fire department, which was on the scene in quick time. But the strong southerly wind prevented the firemen from extinguishing the blaze, which gained very rapid headway, and all of the building east of the foundry was seen to be doomed. The flames and smoke poured through the roof and were carried across the vacant ground towards the big brick brewery on the other side of Government street. That building, however, resisted the attack. While streams of water were being poured into the iron works some of the lumber stacked in the yards of the Shawnaigan Lake Sawmill Company, on the other side of Herald street, caught fire and the firemen had to direct some of their efforts towards extinguishing that. Had the big lumber yards gone up it is hard to say where the trouble would have ended. With the high wind prevailing half the city might have been destroyed. While the attention of the department was taken up with this work, the wind had carried sparks right across to Douglas street and started a lively conflagration in two houses on the corner of Pembroke street.

Almost immediately afterwards sparks from these buildings were carried up to a house on Douglas street at Princess avenue, from which the conflagration spread to various houses in the vicinity until practically two whole streets from east of Pembroke to Queen's avenue, above Douglas street, were ablaze. Very fortunately the fire area in this section was confined owing to the fact that the fire was not carried over the street. Nothing else could have stopped the spread of the fire. Within an hour of the time the first house on Douglas street was afire practically all of the section described was in flames.

Those in the houses adjoining the fire area took such measures as they could to save their property, the furniture and household effects in the doomed houses were hurriedly removed by residents and a large number of volunteers. These included a big company of marines and bluejackets from Esquimalt, who answered the call for help in double quick time and a number of the soldiers from Work Point, who also arrived at a more leisurely pace.

Meanwhile the fire department, having got the blaze at the iron works under control, came up in force to Douglas street, but the water pressure, which had been poor on Store street, practicaly gave out on the higher level, and little or nothing could be done with the hose.

The remarkable feature of the conflagration was the manner in which the flames "jumped" from one place to another and the strong wind which immediately in its path left unscathed those buildings adjoining to the south or west. Thus several houses on Douglas street between Pembroke and Queen's avenue escaped destruction. The Leeward Hotel on the corner of Douglas and Queen's avenue was one of these, although ex-Mayor McCandless' house, immediately behind, was one of the first to go. The houses on both sides of Pembroke street above Douglas were saved, probably by the action of the bluejackets and marines, who tore down an intervening house and several wooden fences and outbuildings on Princess avenue.

Great excitement prevailed in the city during the conflagration. Crowds from all parts assembled about the scene and many helping hands were extended to those who were being "burned out." The fields beyond Blanchard street and Queen's avenue were dotted with household effects guarded by the owners, and there were some pathetic scenes witnessed among those who had lost all their worldly possessions in a few minutes.

His Worship Mayor Barnard is considering what action he can take to relieve those who have suffered most severely, and an announcement of his intentions in this respect may be expected today.

The fire had burnt itself out by half-past seven in the evening, but was smouldering all night, necessitating a careful watch by the firemen. The general opinion is that, considering the high wind prevailing and the inadequate supply of water, the city had a fortunate escape from a very much heavier loss.

LOSS AT ALBION

Interviewed yesterday evening Mr. W. F. Bullen, of Bullen Bros., who have leased the Albion Iron Works, said the loss at the latter institution was a very serious one, as his firm would be seriously hampered in the execution of several important contracts which they have in hand. He had not yet had time to compute the actual property loss by the fire. All the buildings east of the foundry were destroyed with the exception of the store house. New plant and machinery had lately been installed in certain of the works, and this was destroyed.

Mr. Bullen was not in a position to speak of the amount of insurance, but from other enquiries made it was ascertained that the Albion Iron Works Company carried insurance to the amount of \$75,000.

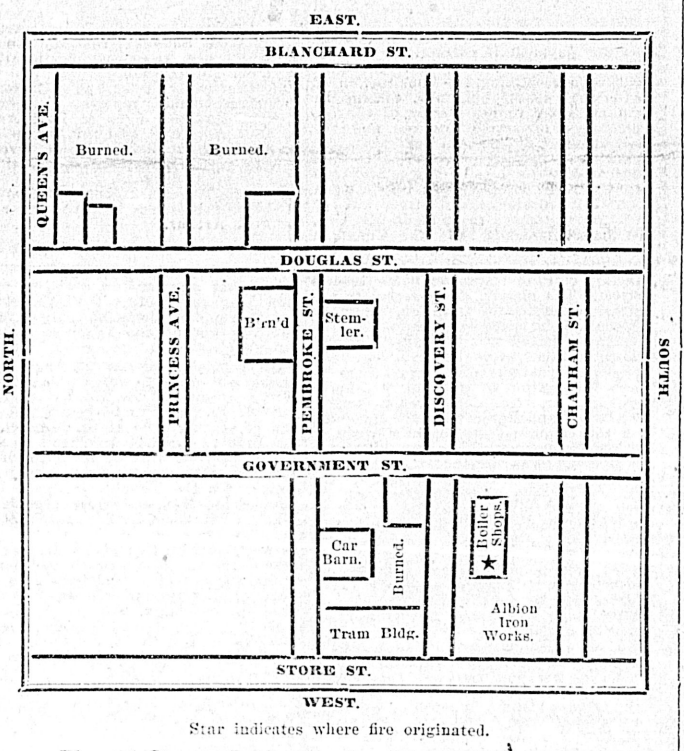
Night and day shifts were being employed at the Albion and Mr. Bullen stated last evening that as many men as possible would be transferred to the works at Esquimalt and continued on the jobs in hand.

Mr. Bullen was loud in praise of the action of the sailors and soldiers in coming so promptly to the assistance of the firemen and rendering such valuable service. He says Victoria is fortunate indeed in having such a brave and willing body of men at hand ready to help in such emergencies.

THE WATER SUPPLY

There were numerous criticisms directed against the supply of water, the general impression being that it was woefully inadequate, and the Council yesterday evening asked Water Commissioner Rayner for a statement regarding the condition of the service during the progress of the fire.

Mr. Rayner said that as soon as the serious nature of the outbreak was reported everything was opened wide at Elk lake, the main pumping plant pushed to its limit, the Yates street pump, which supplies the higher levels, shut down, and all the valves opened so that



Star indicates where fire originated.

Plan of Streets Indicating Locality of Burned Area.

the supply would run from the higher levels.

This had the effect of giving a great pressure at the burning district, and that water was not available at Upper Princess avenue was due to the fact all the engines were running and all the water was sucked to one point, namely, the Albion Iron Works, and as soon as the engines ceased working at that point water was in abundance higher up the street. It must be remembered also, that every private hose in the district was also in use, and that the fire occurred at a time when lawn sprinkling was going on all over the city. In the opinion of many, however, the fire demonstrates the urgent need of a new main.

MAYOR BARNARD ACTIVE

His Worship Mayor Barnard and Ald. Oddy visited the scene of the fire last evening and made enquiries respecting the necessity of aid being rendered by the city to provide shelter and other assistance for the unfortunate who lost their homes. He found that most of those who had been burned out had, with the assistance of friends, made arrangements for the night, and were busily removing their goods and chattels to temporary quarters. The mayor was desirous of doing everything possible to relieve pressing necessities, and he was in communication with the city council regarding the matter.

The mayor made the fullest enquiries and was prepared to deal promptly with cases which require relief.

THE SAILORS AND SOLDIERS

Very shortly after the spread of the fire to the residences above Douglas street, a company of marines and bluejackets, under Lieut. Maes, arrived on the scene. Captain Barry, R. N., also was there. The "handy men" went right to the root of the trouble immediately on their arrival, and did some good work in extinguishing the fires which started in the grass of Philson's field adjoining Queen's avenue, where a lot of furniture was piled. They also helped to bring out the furniture from the doomed houses. Later the party went into the thick of the fire in Princess avenue, and by laying low one of the houses they saved the spread of the flames which otherwise would have

Are Near A Contact

Great Armies of Japan and Russia Drawing Closer In the North.

Kuroki Preparing to Attack Point Just West of Mukden.

Linevitch Reported Coming From Direction of Vladivostok to Help Kuropatkin.

Mukden, Aug. 9.—The Japanese are using the Shanhai-Kwan-Yinkow railway for providing the army with supplies and mobilizing troops for an attack on Simintun, about thirty miles west of Mukden.

Simintun is the northern terminus of the Shanhai Kwan railway from Koaung-tung, about 100 miles south-west of Simintun; a branch line connects with Yinkow, which is about 53 miles south-east of Kuopantun.

A Russian correspondent in a despatch from Tatchekiao, July 23, said it was believed that the Shanhai-Kwan railway was then under the control of the Japanese with the consent of the Chinese. As early as March 29 last the Shanhai-Kwan correspondent of the London Daily Mail asserted that the Chinese had received official authorization to turn over the operation of the railway to the Japanese. The Japanese are in control of the Gulf of Liaoting, and should the statement in the despatch from Mukden prove to be correct, it would indicate that they are landing troops at Shanhai-Kwan, the southern terminus of the railway, and transporting them to Simintun. The strategic importance of the possession of the railway which was sought by the Russians early in the war, is apparent.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—It is reported in military circles that Lieut. General Linevitch is marching with troops from the direction of Vladivostok, to create a diversion in the rear of General Kuroki's army with the object of relieving General Kuropatkin's forces.

Liaoyang, Aug. 6.—(Delayed in transmission)—General Kuropatkin is ready to defeat the Japanese plan for cutting off Liaoyang. The Japanese forces are divided into three groups, the first at Liaoyang, the second at New Chwang; the second threatening Liaodan and Liaoyang, and the third threatening Sikseyan, Liaoyang and Mukden. According to Chinese reports the Japanese are massing in the direction of Simintun, evidently planning a diversion of Liaoyang and a strong column is ascending to the Liao valley, also for the purpose of flanking Liaoyang.

A reliable Chinese merchant declares this column includes 50,000 Chinese, Japanese subjects, from the island of Formosa. This most unwelcome development may induce other Chinese to join the Japanese. It is hard to tell a Formosan from a Manchurian.

Anshan, halfway between Hai-cheng and Liaoyang, Manchuria, Aug. 6.—(Delayed in transmission)—A cavalry reconnaissance in force along the whole front August 5th in the direction of New Chwang, resulted in the capture of four armed Chinese bandits. One of them was carrying a Japanese rifle.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Cloversville, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Canada lake, a nearby summer resort, was the scene of another sad drowning accident this afternoon when a boat containing Raymond Soule, of this city, and Wm. Furber, of St. Johnsville, was capsized and both lost their lives. The bodies were recovered. Young Soule was the son of Harry Soule, a prominent business man of this city, and Furber was a member of the class of 1907 of Union College.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

St. Louis, Aug. 8.—The second day's session of the International Typographical Union convened today in a convention hall. The report of the committee on laws was given out. The most important article on which the convention acted was that providing that in cities in which a German or French no member of the International Typographical Union shall be employed on German or English work at any other scale than that demanded by the International union.

NEW WESTMINSTER NOTES.

Complaint About Slaughter Houses—New Electric Light By-Law.

New Westminster, Aug. 9.—At the weekly meeting of the city council last evening Ald. Holmes, chairman of the health committee, presented a written report from the medical health officer dealing with the condition of the two slaughterhouses which are within the city limits, and which were complained of as nuisances. The health officer's remarks fully bore out the complaint and in the case of one of these buildings he said that it was impossible to smell it without feeling sick. He recommended that the places be closed and the buildings immediately destroyed. The health committee will report on the matter.

The electric light regulation bylaw was last night brought before the council up to the last stage. It will not finally be ordered to be signed, sealed and published till judgment is handed down by Mr. Justice Duff in the case of Vaters vs. the City of New Westminster, as the result of this suit may materially change some important passages in the bylaw. One clause in the bylaw reduces the minimum charge for light from 11 to 50 cents. The general trend of this new law will be in favor of the small light consumers as well as the larger ones.

This morning Mayor Kearney, the aldermen, the foreman of the board of works, Mr. P. H. Oddy, local manager of the B. C. E. R.; Mr. P. Folliott, construction manager for the V. W. & Y., and Engineers Selzer and Moss, on the bridge construction, all went out to Sapperton to view the site of the new bridge over the Fraser river. The V. W. & Y., in taking up their position, force the tram company farther over the road and the city thereby lose some ground. The whole matter was talked over on the spot, and it was decided that the stakes as run, seven feet closer in, be left as they are, and that the tram company be given two feet more at the Grant corner on the east side, that they plant their track at this point. This proviso is made since two feet taken off the roadway at the curve makes a great difference, and it may be necessary at times for teams to run over the track to pass. This proviso is made since the B. C. E. R., a practically straight run along that part of Columbia street. The city is negotiating for a strip of the Colquhoun property, and if this is so, a public square, which has been a public eyesore for many a year will be greatly improved.

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YESTERDAY'S FIRE.

Victoria was yesterday visited by one of the most severe conflagrations in her history. A fire, starting at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in the premises of the Albion Iron Works, spread with great rapidity through the residential district lying north and east of Government and Douglas streets. The high wind prevailing at the time rendered the task of subduing the flames a most arduous one, and to this difficulty was added an unfortunate deficiency in the water supply, on the upper levels, again emphasizing the oft-repeated assertion that a sufficient supply of water is not brought into the city to cope with a really serious conflagration. The loss, while considerable, is much less than it very well might have been; the direction of the wind confining the flames to an area principally occupied by small dwelling houses, and the fire's progress being brought to a stop by Finlayson's fields and the open country lying beyond Blanchard street. Had the wind been in a different direction, Victoria might have been face to face with as great a calamity as overtook New Westminster six years ago.

The fire brigade worked well and efficiently under very hampering conditions, and were ably reinforced by strong and most welcome contingents from Work Point barracks and the Navy, both branches of the service rendering invaluable assistance, both in the salvage of household effects and in checking the spread of the flames.

CONTROL OF THE GRANBY COMPANY.

Rumors of misunderstandings between Mr. S. H. C. Miner, President of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, and Mr. Jay P. Graves, Vice-President and General Manager, which had been rife during recent months, have been definitely contradicted by the latter, according to the Spokane special correspondent of the New York "Engineering and Mining Journal," who about three weeks ago wrote that journal as follows:

"Mr. Jay P. Graves, Manager of the Granby Consolidated Co., in the Boundary district of British Columbia, denies the reports of serious misunderstandings between himself and President S. H. C. Miner. Said he: 'I own by a half more stock than any other shareholder in the Granby, and I have not offered to sell any of my stock within two years. I expect to remain in management so long as I am interested in the company. With the advent of the Great Northern Railway, which should be completed to the No. 2 and No. 3 lines of the mine by October 1st, we shall commence shipping from those levels. We have decided on spending \$75,000 in building ore bins and putting in a crusher with a capacity of 1,000 tons in ten hours, at each level. Extensions to the smelter will probably not be made this year.'"

We quote the whole of this paragraph for the reason that it also bears upon the questions of the future management of the company and the connection of the President of the Great Northern Railway, Mr. J. J. Hill, with the Granby enterprise, dealt with at some length by the "Canadian Mining Review," which in its last issue published the following:

"If there is anything in the old adage that 'Where there is smoke there is fire'—then, to say the least of it, recent developments at Granby smelter are significant. No one who knows Mr. S. H. C. Miner will hesitate to accept his assurance, given a few days ago to the Nelson "News," that there is no truth in the suggestion that his concern is now controlled by Mr. J. J. Hill; at the same time, the reiterated statement of Mr. F. Carter-Cotton, in this effect cannot be ignored, in view of Mr. Miner's admission that the bulk of the stock is held by Americans and he was convinced that there is not only smoke, but fire in the rumor. The sudden and unexpected resignation of the three men who have been most actively identified with the company ever since Mr. Miner became the ruling power is in itself significant. No concern could afford to take the natural order of things to part at once with three such men as Messrs. Plummer, Galer and Yolen-Williams. It is well known that Mr. Miner has neither the time nor the opportunity to take any active part in the oversight of the Company's affairs. For this reason Mr. Plummer has acted as President's assistant, and his removal clearly indicates the passing of the control."

"Mr. Hodges, who has managed the smelter with such conspicuous ability, is now at the head of the whole concern and no appointments have been made in place of the officials who left. The development clearly places OFFICIAL control in the hands of Mr. Jay P. Graves, and ACTUAL control in the hands of the capitalists whom he represents. Mr. Graves was himself the promoter of Granby property, so long as American capital dominated the concern he was the official head. With Canadian capital largely subscribed by Mr. Miner and his friends, the official control was more actively exercised. Hence the whole has just retired. It is a matter of common knowledge

that last fall a very large block of stock was sold in New York. A reference to the list of directors shows that the American are American, and there is no reason to doubt, in the light of recent developments, that the control is in their hands. This fact occasions no concern locally, its chief significance being in relation to a series of incidents which clearly demonstrate the progress of Mr. J. J. Hill's scheme for securing a substantial share of the transportation business of Southern British Columbia. We have referred elsewhere to his activity in the Fernie district, and it is surely not insignificant that the recent extensive changes at Granby should synchronize with the commencement of Mr. Hill's railway extension from Grand Forks to Phoenix, and with the amalgamation of the Brooklyn, Stenwind, Atholstan and Boston & Montreal groups involving the construction of a line from Curlew to Midway. Mr. Hill is a sagacious and far-seeing schemer. His plans seem to be little understood even by those most directly concerned, and it is only when another link is forged that the on-looker gets a glimpse of the general scheme which is being constructed to ultimately complete a network of communication throughout the Kootenays. That this policy will accrue to the advantage of the Granby smelter we can not doubt, since the only result must be to establish effective competition in the transportation of the ore and very sensibly to reduce the freight charges."

It seems to us that it matters very little whether Mr. Hill now controls the Granby Company or whether the enterprising capitalists of the Eastern Townships, Quebec, whom Mr. Jay P. Graves five or six years ago succeeded in interesting in properties now owned by the consolidated company still retain control. The consideration of special importance to the Boundary district in particular and the Province in general, is that this company, whose operations have now assumed proportions of considerable magnitude, not only mines its ore in the Province, which, of course, it must do since its mines are in British Columbia, but also smelts and converts into a marketable product the products of the largest copper mines in Canada. In this regard the district and Province are better off than in the case of the Le Roi mine, at Rossland, which sends all the product of its big mine to the United States for reduction, to the detriment of the best interests of the Trail Creek district in which the mine is situated. But while we congratulate residents in the Boundary that their largest mine, even if it be true that it is controlled by Americans, does not follow the lead of the British-owned big Rossland mine, we cannot refrain from pointing out that the Canadian Mining Review is not correctly informed in some particulars of the question it discussed above. So far as we know, Mr. A. C. Plummer remains assistant to the President of the Granby Company; Mr. W. Yolen Williams, who retired from active management on account of actual ill-health, is retained by the Granby Company in the capacity of consulting engineer and has his office in Spokane, where he can better be in close touch with the General Manager, Mr. Jay P. Graves; and from our own observation we are able to say that Mr. Graves has been General Manager all along, whether Canadian or American capitalists held a majority of the stock in the company. The "Mining Review" is still further astray when it states that the amalgamation of the Montreal & Boston and other Boundary mining properties involved the construction of a Hill railway "from Curlew to Midway" which branch, excepting for a few hundred yards, will be entirely in the United States, but that is a matter not connected with the Granby Company's affairs. We just remark, in conclusion, that American control has not been a bad thing for the Boundary, as the towns of Greenwood, Phoenix and Grand Forks show, these having derived much of their business since railway construction days from the entirely American B. C. Copper Company, owning the Mother Lode mine and the smelter at Greenwood, and from the Granby Company, which has looked largely to the United States in recent years for additional capital, while the recently-organized Montreal & Boston Consolidated has also followed suit.

THE GRAND TRUNK CONTRACT.

From a futile attempt to defend the Grand Trunk Pacific contract on practical lines we have a resort to heroics. The Progress has discovered that on a business basis it is indefensible and so has appealed to the imagination. The sombre shadows of the past are thrown around us and the grand vistas of the future are opened up—all parallel with a new transcontinental railway with the climax of its possibilities in British Columbia and the Pacific ocean a sea of glory in which is reflected the image of the creator of this magical enterprise—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, before whom we are asked to abase ourselves and bow our heads in admiration and reverence. Lest it may be said that we overstate the hyperbole of the writer, we quote as follows:

"What does this consummation in legislation of the far-reaching policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier mean to this Province? It is hardly possible to measure its full significance. The terms of the new railway will be nearer the Orient than any other port on the Pacific coast, the gradients on the railway will be less than those of any other transcontinental line, and its Atlantic terminus will be nearer Europe, except those of the Canadian Pacific, with which they will be identical. This will of necessity mean that there will be built up under the new Grand Trunk Pacific Company a terminal point, a city in course of time will rival, if it will not surpass, any of the cities on the United States western seaboard. It will mean that a large amount of necessity mean that a large amount of travel and traffic will flow north through British Columbia, and probably by way of Victoria and Vancouver Island, from any points in the United States. It will mean that, as soon as the route of the new railway across this Province is determined there will be a movement of population in that direction, which will steadily increase in volume, and all the areas which have hitherto been occupied. It will mean an immediate stimulus to prospecting over an area known to be rich in all the indications of great mineral wealth. If these things will not follow from the completion of this railway, will some one indicate which of them will not? And if they will follow, are we not right in saying that a policy which means so much for the Province and costs the state so little, and which has the approval of a Province, as a Province, and all is one for which no apology is needed, but on the contrary puts us under a debt of obligation to the distinguished statesman who had the foresight to conceive and the courage to carry it into execution?"

"But British Columbia is more than a Province. It is a part of a great country. Its people take a wider range than the white line which just retired. Its boundaries are limited by the provincial boundaries. They realize that

the new transcontinental railway is the greatest development undertaking ever conceived in the history of the world. They know it means the broadening of Canada, the peopling of millions upon millions of acres of valuable territory, the speedy expansion of the Dominion into the status of a nation, the development of population, business and wealth. And they know that as the Dominion expands in importance, the Pacific coast must progress, for it is in this direction that the stream of progress will flow. Not only is the National Transcontinental Railway to give it its full legal title, a great thing for British Columbia, because it secures the fruition of our most ardent hopes for the future development of the province, but it is a great thing for Canada, as the years to come will abundantly testify."

This is what in politics is now vulgarly designated as "hot air." It is very beautiful in theory; but, to adopt, it is not war. We have had many enterprises with such bases of inflation and nothing but words to support them. Half of the bonuses in Canada that have been given away to promoters have been fished out of the pockets of the people by such rainbow effects. Let us get down from the clouds to common earth and consider the proposal so far as British Columbia is concerned from a business point of view.

Up to the present we have not considered the Grand Trunk Pacific as a national concern and have not been discussing its merits as such. We have been considering our business relations to it as compared with the business relations of other parts of Canada. In that respect it has been shown that we are, to borrow a railway simile, like the passengers on an observation car. We are getting the benefits of the scenery while the others are realizing the more material comforts of the buffet car.

In respect to the benefits of construction we realize none. We shall be in the position of the hungry passer-by who inhales the aroma of the roast beef and feasts visionally on the sweetmeats without being permitted to enter the restaurant.

As to cost, let it be not forgotten that Canada pays ten years' interest on the cost of construction, of which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is relieved. The people of British Columbia pay to that in the proportion of three to one compared with the rest of Canada. If the interest amounts to \$20,000,000 in ten years, British Columbia will pay \$2,500,000 of it.

Every settler that is brought into the Northern Interior as a result will cost for administration at the rate of \$12.50 each per annum. That is the experience of British Columbia in the past. The result of development, owing to difficulty of overcoming physical obstacles, is that this Province pays for them and the Dominion reaps the profit.

INTERNATIONAL COAL AND COKE COMPANY.

A despatch sent out from Spokane last month states that "O. G. Labere, who has been suing the International Coal & Coke Co., Daniel Shultz, Paul K. Paulson and others for 225,000 shares of stock in the International Coal & Coke Co., at Coleman, Alta., has compromised for 175,000 shares and has withdrawn his suit. It has been a celebrated case here. The testimony has shown that Albert C. Flumerfelt, representing S. H. C. Miner, of Granby, owned a block of 1,400,000 shares of stock for \$120,000, which was used in developing the property. Later he bought 120,000 shares of stock, which gave him control of the company, which has a capital of \$3,000,000. Mr. Flumerfelt received the money to put the deal through from Mr. Miner and subsequently turned over to the latter all but 100,000 shares, which he retained for his interest." It is satisfactory to find the company thus relieved from the embarrassing effects of further litigation, if this be the result of the compromise mentioned. There are difficulties enough ordinarily attending the opening up of coal mines and the establishing of a coke-making industry, without having legal troubles to hamper development operations. Next to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company the International is the most deserving of success of the coal companies operating, or supposed to be operating, along the Rocky Mountain section of the Crow's Nest railway. Especially is it desirable that it should be free from litigation from a British Columbia point of view, for it is to this industry that the big smelter of the Granby Company looks to shortly commence to supply it with fuel, and thus render it free from the limitations it has at times experienced in the past two or three years.

THE BRITISH COLONIST

A. DE COSMOS, Editor.

Wednesday, August 10, 1904.

Gold Exports.—Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped by the last trip of the Northern and Forwood to San Francisco \$19,419; Freeman & Co., \$9,088; the two expressions are hardly possible to measure the amount of gold exported, as we have as positively known, for the month \$125,577. We may safely add for private hands sufficient to make it reach \$150,000. Allowing that the average for the month would be \$2. This is far more than the average in California. And we may safely conclude that the miners are yielding remarkably well, and that by the introduction of facilities for travel and conveyance of provisions, so as to render them cheap, that the yield to each man per day will far exceed the averages in California.

WILL SAN JUAN BE OCCUPIED?

After all the numerous messages, the naval demonstrations, and the message announcing that British forces would be landed at San Juan, it appears that the war will be done towards a military occupation of the island. The altered policy of the government is said to have been adopted since the arrival of the island. Had such been the case, the attitude assumed by the government in the commencement of the embargo, it should not have caused to blush for its consummate inconsistency now, because we must avoid perceiving that the country has been rendered perfectly ridiculous. It becomes the duty of every man who claims these colonies as his British flag as his birthright, to present to the Imperial government the necessity of securing the possession of San Juan at any cost, and at any hazard, and to do so by himself and the three millions of British-Americans whose eyes are today turned towards these colonies as the future territory of one of the great nations of the world, which will blind Vancouver's Island and Nova Scotia together with an iron band, rendering it the highway of the world, and rest idly by while the Americans plant a colony on the island, to create an additional sympathy with a people whose cardinal doctrine is to extend its boundaries by warlike demonstrations

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and undignified acts—is to be guilty of treason to our sovereign, our country, and posterity. Webster told us after the disgraceful Ashburton treaty was concluded, by which a large portion of New Brunswick was ceded away, that the United States always doubted their right to it. The same policy now attempts to wrench the key to the Gulf of Georgia from our hands, and should ever a British ministry be guilty of the national crime of relinquishing the island, then we will hear the same remark repeated. Shall we permit it?

The land sale yesterday was extremely dull. Eight hundred and fifty acres in North Saanich was sold at \$1 per acre and purchased by Attorney-General Carey and Capt. Lewis.

A BASIS OF COMPARISON.

St. John Sun. Mr. Schreiber says that a new road of the standard of the Canada Eastern would cost \$1,000,000 to build. The government at \$540,220, leaving a balance of \$1,224,780. The government pays \$800,000. One would now like to hear Mr. Gibson's speech on the subject. For that road the government paid \$1,600,000, less \$50,000 or \$60,000 allowed for work not up to the standard. On the basis of earnings the Drummond road and value, and on the basis of price for which the road was offered to others, the price paid was more than double the value.

WHEN OLD AGE IS LOVELY.

Chicago Post. You sometimes see a woman whose old age is as exquisite as was the perfect bloom of her youth. You wonder how this has come about. You wonder how it is her life has been a long and happy one. Here are some of the reasons: She knows how to forget disagreeable things. She did not expect too much from her friends. She retained her illusions, and did not believe all the world wicked and unkind. She relieved the miserable and sympathized with the sorrowful. She never forgot that kind words and smiles cost nothing, but are priceless treasures to the discouraged.

"ALL THE TALKS."

Pearson's Weekly. Mr. J. Collier, writing on the subject, says that over 6,000 distinct languages are spoken by mankind. The number of separate dialects is enormous. There are more than sixty vocabularies in Brazil, and in Mexico the Nahu language has broken up into 700 dialects. There are hundreds in Borneo. In Australia there is no classifying the complexities, and generally the number of dialects is inverse proportion to the intellectual culture of the population. Assume that only fifty dialects on an average belong to every language, and we have the colossal total of 250,000 linguistic varieties.

SILVER IN THE FAR EAST.

Manila Bulletin. China is in the hands of the money changers. The copper cash, the money of the people, cannot be utilized in the dealings of foreigners, and the tael, the silver unit, risks its life in the market with as much consistency as the price of cotton in the New York stock exchange. Business along the China coast and in the Philippine Islands was demoralized a year ago by the illusoryness of silver.

Happily the introduction of the new currency has placed local business in far better condition, and before the year has passed the money evil will be entirely eradicated. The value of the Philippine peso is fifty cents gold, and every effort made to counteract by manipulators has indignantly failed.

Trade, therefore, between the Philippines and all other countries except China may be carried on without the necessity of an expensive banking system. The advantage in the commerce with China, on the other hand, is all in our favor, and the fact that our money is expressed in different terms from those of the continent has not affected the value of trade.

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Pupil No. 24000, lady from Malinaland on a visit to Victoria, passed 60 words a minute after ten days' study. Lessons home with her, as they are quite easy. Postal pupil writes: "The further I go the more I like it."

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Pupil No. 21011 says: "It is easily grasped. I like it very much. Can do 60 words a minute now in by sixth lesson." Bank Manager pupil 24002: "It is excellent, so useful for private notes. I treat it as a pastime."

Pupil 24016, enrolled 21st July, and on 25th—5 days of home study—did 60 words a minute a day at the Studio.
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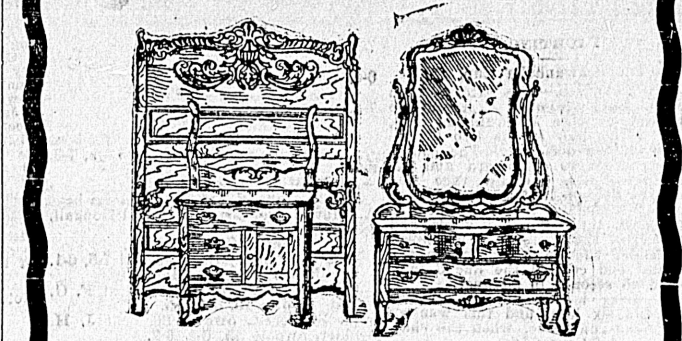
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Wrestlers Coming.—The steamer Lyra which is due from the Orient today is expected to have on board the party of Japanese wrestlers who are to give a tournament on the Caledonia grounds on Saturday evening and Monday afternoon and evening. On arrival they will parade the streets. The party includes Hachiji, champion wrestler of Japan, who weighs 320 pounds, and six or eight others weighing from 250 to 300 pounds.

Yukon Gold Output.—More than a third of a million dollars in gold dust is en route from Dawson for Seattle, consigned to the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of British North America to the United States assay office. With the close of the month of July the returns from the comptroller's office show the amount of gold output which an export tax was levied upon was fully as large as the previous year, August and September are the heaviest export months, and by the best informed the output this summer should exceed that of last season.

Down From Dawson.—After several years' sojourn in the Yukon metropolis, Todd Alkman, son of the late H. W. Alkman, is in the city, he having hurried from Dawson on receipt of the sad tidings of his father's death. He is looking well and prosperous, and was yesterday busy renewing acquaintances with his host of friends. He says Dawson is very full in a business way, freight legislation by the Liberal government having driven many enterprising men from the camp. Mining conditions are, however, satisfactory, the yield of gold being good and the future of the country assured.

Salmon Pack.—Last year the total pack of the Fraser river to August 6th was 63,948. This year the pack to date is not more than half of the pack for a similar period in 1903. The pack by canneries on the Fraser river, however, follows: Atlas, 999; Acme, 518; Phoenix, 1,741; Brunswick, 1,284; Beaver, 363; A. B. C., 1,964; Canadian Pacific, 1,028; Carries, 725; Celtic, 602; Deas Island, 1,878; Edwards, 4,287; Sun, 6,024; Ganges, 1,734; Great Northern, 930; Industrial, 734; Pacific Coast, 1,292; Ricamond, 631; Scottish Canadian, 1,690; St. Munro, 1,023; Imperial, 2,518; Star, 1,407; Terra Nova, 1,725; Vancouver, 1,754; Eagle Harbor, 600.

Facilitate Business.—Shipping and business men generally are looking forward to big benefits resultant from the installation of wireless telegraphy on the steamships frequenting this port. The ships of His Majesty's squadron have all got the necessary paraphernalia, but up till the present have not used it on this station. It has been reported, too, that the British liners will be equipped, and that eventually a wireless station be established down the straits for the benefit of shipping. Up to the present, however, nothing has been done in this direction, though the station now being provided should bring all these things within a closer range of proximity.

Patent Sheave Block.—H. Gilley, of New Westminster has received a Canadian patent on an improved self-lifting sheave block. This block is especially designed for use in sustaining the wire rope of a log haul but the heavy, long sustained work of which rapidly reduce on a sheave of ordinary construction. Mr. Gilley's block is manufactured at the Schnake Machine Works, at New Westminster, the cast iron sheave having a chilled groove is cast on an axle of reeled steel, which in turn is supported by bearings in wrought iron or cast steel side plates, which are designed to suit the requirements and having oil cups for purposes of lubrication.

The Islands' Show.—September 21st is the date of the annual show at Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring island, under the auspices of the Islands' Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association. The premium list, just issued, shows an attractive list of prizes. The officers of the association are: President, H. H. Hon. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia; president, H. W. Bullock, Ganges Harbor; vice-president, Robert Grubb, Ganges Harbor; secretary, E. F. Wilson, Ganges Harbor; treasurer, J. H. G. Ganges Harbor; directors, E. Lee, J. Nightingale, P. Purvis, J. C. Mollet, S. T. Conery, G. E. Akerman, C. W. Cundell, A. G. Crofton and W. McFadden.

Seattle-Sitka Cable.—When the new cable between Seattle and Sitka has been completed, which will be very shortly, a new rate for commercial messages will go into effect. A special rate will be made for newspapers, and several publications in Northwestern Alaska have already made arrangements to receive a regular news despatch. Here is the rate for ten-word messages which the United States wire telegraph has decided to apply between Seattle and certain principal places in Alaska: From Seattle to Sitka, \$1.50; to Juneau, \$2; to Haines Mission, \$2; to Skagway, \$2; to Valdez, \$2.50; to Fort Liscum, \$2.50; to offices in "Square 1," \$3; to offices in "Square 2," \$3.50; to offices in "Square 3," \$4.

Laid in the Grave.—The funeral of the late William Griffiths took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. The Rev. W. Baugh Allen conducted the services.

Basketball.—There will be an adjourned meeting of the No. 5 Co. this (Wednesday) evening at 8 p.m. in the Drill hall, when there will be a basketball practice; also a discussion in reference to the proposed team for the Agricultural Association cup.

Contract Awarded.—The fine large residence on Charles street which is to be erected for G. A. Kirk, from plans drawn by Architect P. M. Rensbury is to be built by Messrs. Calder & Mason, the contract for the same having been awarded yesterday.

Lillooet Bye-election.—The bye-election at Lillooet is now in full swing and prominent politicians of both parties are in the constituency supporting the respective candidates—Archibald McDonald, Conservative, and David A. Stoddart, Liberal. Nominations were held at Clinton on Monday.

The Bertucci Arbitration.—Mr. Robt. Beaven desires it to be understood that he did not agree with the decision of the other arbitrators, Messrs. B. Crov-Baker and Gavin H. Burns, in awarding N. Bertucci \$11,000 as the value of the two lots on Humboldt street expropriated by the city.

Fuel War Expected.—A fuel war is expected this winter between wood dealers and coal merchants in Dawson. The Coal Creek Mining Company will have 10,000 tons of coal in Dawson at the close of navigation, and the Fingers Coal Mining Company will also have a large supply on hand. Coal is now being quoted at \$10 per ton.

Photo of Monument.—Henry M. Sheppard, jailed at the police station, has received a photograph of the monument erected at Johannesburg over the grave of his stepson, Pte. W. Whitley, who died while serving with the Canadian against the Boers. Pte. Whitley was a member of the Vancouver contingent.

Lawn Tennis.—At 3 o'clock today, on the Belcher street courts, R. B. Powell, Victoria, and H. P. Selwyn, J. B. Hanna to Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. W. Baugh Allen conducted the services, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. E. McNeill, A. Brown, W. Hill, George Gardiner, A. Petch and F. Dykes. Many floral emblems were presented, and a large number attended.

Borne to the Grave.—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Joseph Bays took place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna to Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. W. Baugh Allen conducted the services, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. E. McNeill, A. Brown, W. Hill, George Gardiner, A. Petch and F. Dykes. Many floral emblems were presented, and a large number attended.

Mr. Prefontaine's Visit.—A general meeting of the board of trade has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to consider matters in connection with the reception of the international championship, when a great game is expected. An apology is owing to the J. B. A. Lawn Tennis Club, the announcement of the finals of the mixed doubles having been inadvertently omitted.

Interested in Exhibition.—While in Manitoba Dr. S. E. Tolmie received many enquiries for prize lists of the Victoria Exhibition. He announced that many of those who competed at the Dominion exhibition intend entering here. Among these are J. T. and J. H. Wilkison and Galbraith Bros., of Brandon. Both are well-known breeders, so that the stock show at the forthcoming show may be depended upon to be of the very best quality.

To Advertise Klondike.—A scheme to advertise the Klondike throughout the civilized world is proposed by Mr. J. M. Palmer, freight agent for the Yukon. A gift to King Edward of a large solid gold nugget. The nugget was found on French gulch, and weighs eight-five ounces. It is pure gold and contains no quartz. Subscriptions are being taken in Dawson to purchase it. The general opinion is that this large nugget came from some quartz ledge nearby.

B. C. Enterprise.—All visitors to the Winnipeg exhibition are loud in praise of the action of the government in arranging such a successful fruit exhibit. Dr. S. E. Tolmie, who has just returned, says great credit is due J. M. Palmer, freight agent for the Yukon, for the exhibition, and W. Brandriff, secretary of the Fruit Growers' Association, his assistant. These gentlemen spared no effort in making the exhibit of the products of this province strikingly attractive.

Mr. Wood's Views.—A. E. Woods, vice-president of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, speaking of the city's refusal to pay the first year's installment of the bonus specified in the agreement, remarked that the corporation by requiring the company to provide for certain work on First street under the terms of the contract had made legal admission of the fact that it was binding, and he did not see how the city could do otherwise than live up to the agreement. Should the latter lose in the courts it will have to pay in addition to the bonus a bill for damages.

Visiting Officers.—Capt. Max de Bathe and Hugo de Bathe, sons of Sir Henry de Bathe, and the latter the husband of Lily Langtry, have been sojourning in Victoria for a short time. A telegram received from New York stated that a certain lady named Countess Stavra, who was sick in that city, claimed that she was the wife of Capt. Max de Bathe. Captains de Bathe and de Bathe, however, deny the claim. The Seattle and San Francisco papers have printed many columns to the exploitation of the story.

Native Sons' Outing.—Tomorrow will be the big day with the Native Sons and their friends at Shawanigan lake. The occasion being the annual outing of the organization. The programme includes a tug-of-war, baseball and cricket matches and swimming races. The Vancouver band will bring a large number of excursionists to participate, and an enjoyable day's outing is promised. Both the Fifth Regiment of this city, and the Nanaimo band will be in attendance. The Fifth Regiment band giving a grand concert in the evening. The train service is a very suitable one, trains leaving here at 9 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m., while the fare is only 50 cents for the round trip.

International 'Phones.—Mr. H. W. Kent, general superintendent of the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, returned on Sunday from an exhausting and lengthy trip, says the News-Advertiser. The company has for some time past been figuring on the laying of a cable to establish telephonic communication between Victoria and this city, and has had two routes in view, one via Plummer's pass and the other via Bellingham and the Islands in Puget sound. The former route has already been surveyed and the trip just taken by Mr. Kent was over the other route. Every inch of the way from Bellingham to Victoria, except the stretches of water, was traversed by Mr. Kent. Conveyance between the various islands was obtained in all sorts of craft, from a steam launch to a Swedish canoe. Until he has made a report to his directors Mr. Kent does not care to discuss the merits of the respective routes.

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spread to the houses fronting on Pembroke street. Their work was very much appreciated, and when they left the crowd gave them a great send-off. The men, it may be mentioned, did most of the distance at the double and covered the ground in remarkably short time.

The soldiers also did very fine work in saving furniture and in other ways. The men came from Beacon hill and Work Point barracks and arrived on the scene in incredibly short time, running most of the way. Those from Beacon Hill were under the command of Major Bland. When the fire was at its worst in Princess avenue, the "Tommys" rushed into the heat and smoke and rescued the furniture and belongings of the unlucky residents whose houses were aflame on both sides of the narrow street. The men's uniforms suffered considerably in this work, but they will not be allowed to suffer any loss of honor, judging from the remark of Mayor Barnard when the matter was mentioned to him by the Colonist last night.

FIREMEN INJURED
A serious accident occurred on Pembroke street while the fire of the Work estate was at its height. The team attached to the Victoria West fire department wagon, driven by Joe Wachter, became unmanageable and bolted. The horses careered along the street and knocked over several of the crowd who were unable to get out of the way in time. None of these were much hurt, so far as could be learned, but the driver was less fortunate. He was hurled from his seat with considerable violence and dragged along the ground. He was taken to the Victoria Hospital and attended to by Dr. Herman Robertson. The patrol wagon took him home shortly afterwards. Wachter has both legs broken and is very badly bruised and cut.

A HEAVY LOSER
Probably the largest individual sufferer from the fire, Mr. J. A. Kinsman, who lost a number of residences, including in value \$9,000, and none of them were insured. They were all situated in the block bounded by Douglas, Pembroke, Blanchard street and Queen's avenue. Richard Hall, M. P. P., Mr. Kinsman's son-in-law, is of the opinion that the loss in the area east of Government street was about \$60,000, partially covered by insurance. In the block bounded by Douglas, Pembroke, Blanchard and Queen's avenue there were probably twenty-two buildings. Mr. Hall figures that about thirty-five buildings all told were destroyed, not figuring in the losses north of Government street.

WIND AIDED FLAMES
A strong breeze blowing from the west, which afterwards changed to the southwest, had the effect of hastening the progress of the fire, and immediately placing the fire beyond the control of the department which at first centered all efforts to save the Albin Iron Works. It leaped at once to the property of the Shawanigan Lake Lumber Company, and thence to the residence of the late A. R. Milne's residence on Queen's avenue, a couple of blocks away, was on fire. The fire was then cast in all directions, and soon the area between Douglas and Queen's avenue, Blanchard and King streets, was a mass of flames. The wind shifted a couple of times and spectators thought that the residences south of the burning district was doomed, but this concern was given away to the conviction that Blanchard street would save the situation, and it did. The wind-driven flames, found no further food in their path at this point, and the efforts of the workers were then confined to the task of preventing the spread of the fire southerly.

DRAYMEN WERE BUSY
The draymen and expressmen were the busiest people at the fire. It was fortunate that the fire started at a time when the horses were hitched up. Otherwise a great delay would have resulted in getting the fire engines to the scene. As it was, the first alarm brought every available wagon to the work of removing furniture and household goods, and the scene was one of great excitement and activity. There was a lack of willing hands to assist the frantic dwellers of the ill-fated district and hundreds of leading citizens could be seen with their coats off dragging out goods and loading them into wagons, which immediately dashed off either up to the Douglas and the Blanchard street and Pinnal fields. Thousands of dollars of household goods were soon piled up at these points and the duties of the police were added to give the property adequate protection. Few thefts were reported, the thieves, if there were any so victimized, being deterred by their prey owing to the prevalence of daylight and the watchful crowds.

WILLING ASSISTANTS
When it was seen that houses on Pembroke street were likely to be utterly destroyed, a rush was made to that district and willing helpers assisted the residents to remove their property into the road, where it was temporarily deposited. The scene was a curious one. A row of houses with fire-eating roofs, people hurrying in and rushing out loaded down with furniture of all descriptions, chairs, carpets, crockery, stores, anything and everything was piled and hurriedly placed by the sides of the streets. Then, when the other two streets began to blaze, there was another rush and the same scene was enacted over again, with additions. The gallant blue-jackets and Tommies arrived and did magnificent work. A great deal of furniture was saved which otherwise would have been a total loss, as the united services worked in their well-known vigorous style and with perfect discipline.

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Passengers on Recent Voyage
to Nome Bring Suit Against
Steamer Oregon.

General Gossip Gained in Day's
Tour of the Water-
front.

As a result of the misfortunes which befall the steamship Oregon in her voyage from Nome to Seattle in September of 1901, when her steering apparatus caused her to wander around over the waters of the Pacific ocean in a somewhat circuitous route, her owners are now asked to pay the sum of \$25,000 to the thirty-two passengers who libeled her yesterday for that sum in the federal court, says the Post-Intelligencer.

The libel alleges that the company owning the vessel, with full knowledge of her unseaworthy condition, permitted her to embark from Nome, September 6, 1901, and that on getting out to sea an accident happened to her rudder that caused them great delay and suffering in reaching port. In addition to the danger they underwent, the libelants claim that their damages are aggravated by the fact that while in their helpless condition they met one of the steamships of the Canadian Pacific line to the Orient, which was willing to take them to Victoria, but the officers of the Oregon refused to make the transfer. The libel further alleges that the passengers suffered greatly from the character of the food provided, a large portion of it, they say being in an advanced stage of decay.

Those joining in the libel are: George O. Brown, Alexander Bruce, Charles S. Bell, Cleveland Baker, William Eggleston, A. L. Fontana, J. D. Ferguson, Wm. Falkenberg, R. H. Fairly, Chas. Green, G. L. Green, Frank Gardner, T. A. Harper, Hattie Kleinschmidt, L. Luciana, Con. McMeier, J. D. McNell, F. McKie, F. Mahan, J. Mait, J. F. Mitchell, W. Morrison, Thomas Moran, J. P. Morgensen, A. O. Strom, Mrs. L. T. Penner, Ansel Smith, J. Schenk, W. Stewart, J. H. Tuttle, J. H. Whiteside and N. Wells. Each claims a lien against the vessel for \$800 as a bail for his injured sensibilities.

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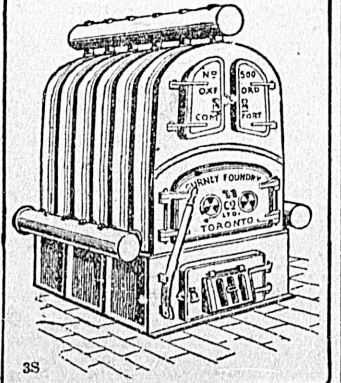
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Seattle.

Telegraphic communication with Nome was completed by the first wireless message across Norton sound from Nome to St. Michael, 107 miles, thence by telegraph to Seattle, says the Post-Intelligencer. The message was received by Gen. A. W. Greely, of the United States signal corps in this city yesterday afternoon from Capt. L. S. Willman, in charge of the wireless system at Nome. Gen. Greely said the message was confidential and that he could not give it out, but stated that it shows the wireless system across Norton sound to be working perfectly and that within a few days the line will be open to the public.

The message was transmitted 107 miles across Norton sound to St. Michael, from Safety harbor, the station chosen, fourteen miles out of Nome, because of its advantageous location. It was then placed upon the United States signal corps wire up the Canadian coast, thence over the Postal 400 miles to Seattle.

The work of installation has been in progress for some time under Capt. Willman's direction, and many experiments have been made. The final success of the undertaking is attributed by Gen. Greely largely to the scientific knowledge of Capt. Willman, who has himself suggested and perfected many improvements in wireless communication. The system was first devised. With the opening of the line Nome is finally placed in permanent telegraphic connection with the outside world after the failure of the cable system across Norton sound.

Coupled with this intelligence, Gen. Greely stated that he also received a message from the cableship Burnside yesterday, stating that the vessel laid 128 miles of cable between Sunday noon and 6 o'clock Monday morning, and that the weather is of the best. In the absence of accidents or storms, the Burnside should be in Seattle by Friday to take the last installment of the cable, and the line should be completed by August 20 to this city. Only one more link will then be required to place Seattle in telegraphic communication with an all-American route with every important settlement in Alaska. That is the Sitka-Valdez cable, which may be laid this fall, Gen. Greely said.

"Mind, I do not promise this. Cable laying is one of the most difficult of mechanical tasks. Many accidents are encountered and when a break occurs much time is often lost. A cable ship has been known to go out from Nova Scotia, on the Atlantic line, and return in ninety days without picking up the end. The Burnside laid without serious interference it should be finished before the end of 1904. Seattle will then be connected by wire with all parts of Alaska by all-American lines."

Gen. Greely returned to Seattle yesterday afternoon on the City of Topeka from Skagway. He went North about two weeks ago, to keep in touch with the operations of the Burnside, and has been in Skagway, June 1, and returned to Seattle on the City of Topeka. He is satisfied now that everything is in order for the speedy completion of the cable line and may start for Washington tomorrow. This is his last trip to the north, as he may decide to remain until the cable is laid, but does not now intend to do so.

**IMPORTANT CASE IN
COMMERCIAL LAW**
In English Bay Cannery Case
Justice Irving Decides That
Shares Be Returned.

An important judgment was handed down today in the case of J. W. Barnett, says the Vancouver Province. The trial of this action opened ten days ago before Mr. Justice Irving and just reached Vancouver. The case arises out of the affairs of the English Bay Cannery Company, of which Mr. Barnett was secretary and was transferred to the latter by the court, for \$25,000, the value of certain shares. Interesting observations are made by the judge regarding the laws governing the rights of shareholders and the protection of directors while enjoying the privileges of operating under special laws.

The action was brought by the liquidator of the English Bay Cannery Company to recover from the defendant certain shares in the United Canneries, Ltd., issued to the defendant by the English Bay Cannery Company, on the ground that these shares were part of the assets of the English Bay Cannery Company, and were transferred to the defendant by the liquidator of the latter company.

The facts of the case were not in particular dispute. At a meeting of the shareholders of the English Bay Cannery Company it was decided to sell the business to the United Canneries for \$50,000, to be paid in shares, the latter company, on June 12, 1900, at a meeting of the directors of the English Bay Cannery Company, the defendant was authorized to transfer \$25,000 stock to the Imperial Bank as security for the balance due the institution. The remaining \$25,000 worth of stock was to be distributed amongst the shareholders.

The case was then referred to the court. The judge decided that the plaintiff is entitled to judgment on two grounds. The first is that these shares, held by the defendant as trustee, being assets of the company, it was ultra vires of the directors and shareholders to distribute these shares. Proceeding, the judge found that the creditors have no debtor but that the company, and that the corporation obtained from outsiders on the faith of the implied representation that the capital shall not be returned to the shareholders until its liabilities are satisfied. The judge then found that the defendant was not authorized to distribute these shares.

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ing Company forget that the shares they proposed to distribute were the company's property; that they had no right to dispose of them as if they were the property of the individual shareholders. The company is not a mere aggregate of shareholders. It is a separate and distinct entity. The directors are the trustees for that entity, and not for the individual shareholders; and in the capacity of trustee for the company they owe a duty to the creditors of the company. They are quasi-trustees for the creditors, and as such are responsible for the application of the capital of the company for the purposes of the company."

The judge finds a breach of trust by Mr. Barnett. The second ground upon which judgment is given is that Barnett was not authorized by the resolution of the directors to do what he did. The judge reads the resolution that the distribution of the shares was not to be made until after the pack had been sold. Mr. Barnett must deliver to the liquidator a hundred and twenty-seven shares, or pay to the plaintiff the value thereof at the time they were disposed of, which His Lordship finds is \$25,000. The judgment therefore amounts to \$25,000.

Mr. Barnett, J. C. C. appeared for the plaintiff, and Martin & Weart for the defence.

RICH FIND MADE.
Fourteen Inches of High-grade Ore Found in Wilcox.

A. H. Tuttle, secretary-treasurer and manager of the Broken Hill Mining & Development Company, which is operating the Wilcox mine, is at the Hume, says the Nelson News. In speaking about the recent rich find on the property yesterday he said: "In a tunnel 12 feet from the portal we have struck a ledge that is five feet two inches in width. Two feet of this carries ore that goes \$11.20 to the ton, two feet that goes \$24 and fourteen inches that runs \$30.80. We are driving another tunnel 135 feet below where the rich find was made. We will have to extend this tunnel about 30 feet before we get underneath where the rich shoot is. If we find it here, and we expect to reach the point in about ten days, then we will have a big thing. The ore we will have is a big thing. It will give us 135 feet of backs for stopping ground. Besides, there is a chance for the shoot extending down. It is in so far as to be beyond the range of surface disturbance. We are naturally very much pleased with the find."

"We are driving the tunnel at the rate of about four and a half feet a day and are taking enough of the ore out to keep the mill in continuous operation. We have ore enough in sight of a good quality to keep the mill in operation for a long time. The Wilcox never in its history looked better than at the present time."

SEAL AND ESKIMO.

The Eskimo manner of taking the seal is described by Mr. Tyrrell in his book, "Across the Sub-Arctic of Canada." The author says, according to Noyes's Companion, that he has known an Eskimo, who was so expert at this kind of sport that he was able to seize a seal with his teeth.

When a hunter spies a seal, he notes the direction of the wind; then keeping himself to the leeward of the seal, he stalks it. When he is within a quarter of a mile of the seal, he begins to crouch, and advances only when the seal's head is down. The seal is a wide awake animal, and he is too keen to be taken by surprise. He will give up his head quickly every few seconds to guard against danger. When his head is down upon the ice his eyes are shut, and it is said that in these brief intervals it takes his sleep. However this may be, the hunter, by carefully watching the seal's movements, is able without much difficulty to get within about twenty-five yards of it; but at closer quarters he is obliged to adopt other tactics. He now lies down at full length upon the ice, and the real sport begins.

The seal takes the Eskimo, who is able to "talk seal" perfectly, to be one of its kindred, and, indeed, there is a great deal of resemblance between the two, for seal and hunter are similarly clothed, and the Eskimo, living largely upon the flesh and oil of the seal, is similarly odorous.

As the two lie there upon the ice, a most amusing sort of conversation is kept up between them. The seal makes a remark and flips his tail. The Eskimo replies, and makes a corresponding gesture with his foot. At the same time he throws himself a little forward. The seal soon has something further to say, and again flips his tail. The Eskimo replies as before, and still further closes up the distance between them.

When the seal's head is down, the hunter, who keeps his eyes on his prey, is able to approach still nearer by dragging himself forward upon his elbows. This maneuvering goes on for some time, until the distance between the hunter and his prey has been reduced to a few yards, sometimes to a few feet.

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